Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was it made?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That is the answer given here. The lowest line boat fare between Alleppey and Ernakulam is Re. 1 for first class, annas ten for second class and annas six for 3rd class.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know who made the enquiry?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The canal authorities.

Wharves at Cochin, Ernakulam and Kottapuram.

643. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the length and width of the canal wharves at Ernakuam, Cochin and Kottapuram:

(b) the total number of boats that touch the wharves in (a) daily;

(c) the largest No. of boats that have to moor at the wharves at the same time;

(d) the arrangements the Government have made for (c);

(e) how do things in (d) compare with those in the canal jetties of Travancore, especially Alleppey;

(f) what the Government intend to do to remove the inconveniences indicated above?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

	Length.	*Breath.*
Ernakulam	36' 9"	14'
Mattancheri	37' 0"	13'
Cranganur	26' 0"	15'

(b) Number of boats touching Ernakulam 64, Mattancheri 46, Cranganur 21.

(c) Only one boat has to moor at a time but as the intervals of time between the arrival of one boat and the next boat is sometimes only very short it happens that 2 and sometimes even 3 are at a jetty at the same time. This happens especially at Ernakulam.

(d) There are proposals for constructing additional wharves at Ernakulam. In other places the existing wharves are sufficient.

(e) Government have no information as to how matters are at Alleppey and other places in Travancore.

(f) Please see answer to (d) above.

Communication facility between Pazhanji and Marathangode (Talappalli Taluk).

644. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government

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be pleased to state with reference to resolution No. 8 of Meeting No. 2 of 1108 of the Cochin Road Board held on 29th Makaram 1108, whether—

(a) any steps are being taken to open the road in question in 1109;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken, and if not taken, why;

(c) what is the distance between Marathangode and Pazhanji through Kunnamkulam—the present route;

(d) what will be the distance if a direct road is constructed;

(e) are not both the villages centres of arecanut trade;

(f) have not the people of Marathangode to go over to Pazhanji for the registration of documents?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The portion of the road between Chowanur to Porkulam is being opened by the Panchayat Department. The portion between Porkulam and Pazhanji will be taken up when funds permit.

(b) Please see answer to sub-division (a).

(c) About 8 miles.

(d) Nearly 4½ miles.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes.

Chalakkudi—Pariyaram road through Archanam Padom.

645. Mr. A. I. Rani.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the house.—

(a) whether the new Chalakkudi-Pariyaram road through Archanam Padam has been completed;

(b) if not, what is the reason for the delay in taking up the second section of this road;

(c) was there not a cut motion in this matter during the last budget session and was there not a solemn promise by the Government that this work, being important, will be provided for this year itself from the tender reductions or savings;

(d) what is the amount of tender reduction this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The first section has been completed.

(b) The work has no provision in the current year's budget.

(c) Yes; the work will be taken up this year if tender deductions permit. The matter is engaging attention.

(d) The amount of tender deduction available for transfer could be arrived at only when the small works taken up are nearing completion.

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